

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2396**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 11751.5 of the Insurance Code, relating to workers' compensation insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2396, as introduced, Solorio. Workers' compensations insurance: rating organizations: statistical agent.

Existing law requires the commissioner to designate a licensed rating organization, as defined, as his or her statistical agent to gather and compile workers' compensation insurers' loss and expense experience statistics, and all licensed rating organizations are required to report loss and expense experiences of their member workers' compensation insurers to the statistical agent. Subject to reasonable rules approved by the commissioner, the statistical agent is required to make available those compiled experience statistics to all licensed rating organizations. The statistical agent is authorized to make a reasonable charge to other ratings organizations for the expense incurred by it in combining, tabulating, and compiling the experience of all workers' compensation insurers.

This bill would prohibit the commissioner from designating a rating organization as his or her statistical agent unless the rating organization agrees to comply with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the California Public Records Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 11751.5 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

11751.5. (a) The commissioner, after notice and hearing, may promulgate reasonable rules and statistical plans, which may be modified from time to time and which shall be used thereafter in the recording and reporting by insurers of their loss and expense experience in order that the experiences of all insurers may be made available in such form and detail as may be necessary to aid the commissioner in administering the provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 11730). ~~The~~

(b) The commissioner shall designate a rating organization licensed under this article as his or her statistical agent to gather and compile such experience statistics and all licensed rating organizations shall report the experience of their members to such designated rating organization. Subject to reasonable rules approved by the commissioner, such designated rating organization shall make such experience statistics, when compiled, available to all licensed rating organizations and may make a reasonable charge to other rating organizations for the expense incurred by it in combining, tabulating and compiling the experience of all workers' compensation insurers.

(c) *The commissioner shall not designate a rating organization as his or her statistical agent unless that rating organization agrees to comply with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) and the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).*